

MIKAO'S FLEET IN DISAPPEARING ACT

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that a land battle would take place not far from Seoul.

In any case, the Japanese preparations are made with a view of closing in on any body of Russian troops that succeeds in forcing its way into the interior of Korea.

Mobilization of the army has been effected without hitch. The transportation of soldiers and supplies by means of the railway from the interior to the coast proceed with great precision.

STORY OF BALIC FLEET GOING TO EAST DISCOUNTED

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The best denial of the statement that Russia wishes to send fifteen warships through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal was made at the

Navy department, where it was said that Russia has not fifteen ships in the Baltic that could readily be sent to the far East, seven or eight being all she has there, according to the intelligence here, that could be made serviceable against Japan, and as many more coasting ships as might have to go with them.

The German naval opinion is that so small a fleet could do nothing alone. Russia is withdrawing portions of her garrisons on the German frontier, presumably because she is confident of Germany's neutrality.

M. Kurino, the former Japanese Minister to Russia, and his staff arrived here today from St. Petersburg. M. Kurino intends to observe events from Berlin indefinitely, or at least until he receives further instructions from his Government.

MASAMPHO A GREAT STRATEGIC POINT

London, Feb. 12.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, summing up events in the far East, so far as they have gone, said to the Associated Press today:

"Whatever may be the eventual result of the war, Russia, in allowing us to occupy and fortify Masampho, has created for herself another Dardanelles. With the fortifications of Masampho, the integrity of Japan is assured forever. No fleet can now pass there against Japan's wishes. Even if we are beaten, we would not give up Masampho."

The Associated Press understands that the Japanese troops are advancing towards the Yalu river. There, it is expected, they will meet and engage the Russian forces. The Japanese declare that the number of Russian troops is greatly exaggerated.

The plan of the Japanese appears to be to take the road which leads almost straight to Mukden. They profess to have no doubt that they will be able to drive back the Russian forces towards Harbin.

UNCLE SAM'S NOTE TO THE POWERS.

Washington, Feb. 12.—"To Russia and Japan the Washington Government suggests the propriety of limiting hostilities within as small an area as possible and of respecting the neutrality and administrative entity of China, that China may be free from disturbance and foreign interests there from menace."

This the Associated Press is enabled to give as the substance of the note addressed by Secretary Hay on February 10th to the St. Petersburg and Tokyo Governments. On February 8th, in a note to Germany, Great Britain and France, Mr. Hay invited those powers concurrently to address Russia and Japan with the same suggestion, and on February 11th this invitation was extended to Italy, Austria-Hungary, The Netherlands, Denmark, Spain and Belgium.

Germany was the first to respond, with a prompt acceptance of the invitation and the promise that she immediately would address the two combatants.

Great Britain was heard from next, expressing adherence to the principle laid down in the note but withholding formal acceptance pending an answer to an inquiry whether the "administrative entity" of China involved Manchuria. Japan was heard from quickly with the answer that she would act readily on the suggestion of the United States if a similar promise could be obtained from Russia.

Italy, Austria-Hungary and the Netherlands expressed sympathy with the idea and promised an answer after consultation with other powers. There is reason to believe that Spain and Belgium also will accept the invitation. Russia thus far has been silent and the attitude of France is one of hesitation.

This is the situation tonight. Meantime it is learned that Germany is addressing the combatants with a note in substance the same as that of Secretary Hay.

STATESMEN SING THE PRAISES OF LINCOLN

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birthday was observed in Chicago tonight by the Marquette club, with a banquet and public meeting at the Auditorium. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was the principal speaker. He talked on "The Democratic Quadrilateral Search for an Issue," and said:

"No phase of the money question can become the paramount issue in the campaign of 1904. The gold standard has been established.

"Neither can the campaign of 1904 be fought upon any issue growing out of our recent war with Spain.

"The independence of the Philippine islands cannot be made an issue. Neither can the forthcoming campaign be fought upon any phase of the tariff question. It will be somewhat difficult to get an issue out of the tariff.

"There is considerable talk about high and low protective tariff schedules. But this does not involve a principle, and cannot be made an issue.

"The only other point at issue that can be carved from the tariff is the proposition that our protective tariff shelters trusts and monopolies.

Other speakers were Representative Cousins of Iowa, who replied to the toast, "Abraham Lincoln," and Congressman Henry Sherman Boutwell, who talked on "The Latest Triumphs of the Republican Party."

At Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 12.—The annual Lincoln day banquet was held under the auspices of the Windsor hotel, held in honor of the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. The banquet was one of the largest ever held here. Republicans from all over the State and many prominent party men from outside of Colorado being in attendance. The banquet room was artistically decorated. The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

"Abraham Lincoln," John L. Webster of Omaha; "The Republican Party," C. C. Goodwin of Salt Lake; "Colorado," former Senator E. O. Wolcott of Colorado; "The President of the United States," Harry E. Churchill of Greeley; Judge N. Walter Dixon of Pueblo acted as toastmaster.

At Other Points. New York, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by the Republican club of New York by a banquet at the Waldorf, attended by 600 guests, 100 of whom were women.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—Elaborately planned programmes in the public schools

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Shortly before 7 o'clock Mr. Doven announced that the Senator had recovered consciousness some time before, and said that he had tried several times to speak to Dr. Osler, but was too weak. The doctors asked him to add them in the application of the oxygen by taking deep breaths. He did as directed, thus showing that he fully understood what was said. It was also announced that the heart action was better, and that the temperature had lowered. A little later it was announced that the patient had taken a little nourishment, including some diluted whisky, and had retained it.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. At 6:30 o'clock Senator Hanna's brother on leaving the sick room said: "Mark had a very severe chill, but is slowly coming out of it under the influence of powerful stimulants and oxygen. His temperature is lower, and he is breathing better."

Before this those coming from the sick room scarcely knew what to say regarding the Senator's condition, so much depended on his power to rally. It was stated several times that his breathing was better, but at first it could not be told whether the breathing was natural or superficial and only induced by the oxygen. Later the bulletin announcing the reaction and improved condition was issued by the doctors, giving relief to the large number of the Senator's friends who were in his office and in the corridors of the Arlington. A greater portion of the Ohio delegation called today, also a long list of Senators and members of the House.

Senator Hanna, as the night wore on, continued at least to hold the rally he had shown, and at 11 o'clock the doctors said that the indications are that the Senator might have a quiet and comfortable night. They said that he at that hour was resting without any artificial aid, but oxygen in slight and diminishing doses was being given at intervals of fifteen minutes. They said the bulletin issued at 11 o'clock would be the last for the night unless something unforeseen occurred.

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BOTH LIVED IN SALT LAKE. Both of the men who were killed were residents of this city and were well known. Burnwood lived at 535 West Sixth South street. He was about 65 years old and leaves a wife. Johnson's home is at 503 South Seventh East street and he leaves a wife and two children, aged 8 and 10 years. He was 55 years old.

HOW THE NEWS CAME. News of the tragedy first reached this city at 6:30 last evening, when John Stilwell of Alta notified William Hatfield, principal owner of the Albion mines, by telephone, that the body of the Albion foreman had been taken from the mine, and upon Mr. Hatfield devolved the sad duty of notifying the Johnson family of their loss. Mr. Hatfield also made arrangements for the reception of the body when it should reach this city.

SLIDE WAS A SMALL ONE. The accident came as a great surprise and shock to the people of Alta, who had felt no apprehension of danger from a snowslide. There is not so much snow in the camp as ordinarily at this season of the year, they claim, and not even the possibility of a snowslide had occurred to the inhabitants of that region. The slide was not tants of that region. The slide was not tants of that region. The slide was not tants of that region.

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TO REDUCE FOREST RESERVE BOUNDARIES

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(TRIBUNE SPECIAL)

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